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In re: Patent Application of :
Sam E. Kinney, Jr., et al. : Group Art Unit 2164
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Appln. No.: 09/490,868 : Examiner: Daniel S. Felten
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Filed: January 24, 2000 :
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR :
DISGUISED PRICED BIDDING IN :
ONLINE ELECTRONIC :
AUCTIONS :

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants herein respond to the Office Action dated February 12, 2002, the shortened statutory period of response to which extends through May 12, 2002.

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-37 stand rejected.

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-23 and 25-37 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-49 of U.S. Patent No. 6,199,050 B1 issued to Alaia et al.

Claims 6, 15, and 24 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-49 of U.S. Patent No. 6,199,050 B1 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,014,627 issued to Togher et al.

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